THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The Central Government fixes the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane factory-wise linked to the sugar recovery rate. For sugar season 2005-06, the range of factory-wise SMP fixed was Rs. 79.50-112.94 per quintal.

(b) Only, the Government of Tamil Nadu has fixed the State Advised Price (SAP) of sugarcane linked to sugar recovery rate. The range of SAP fixed was from Rs. 101.40 per quintal to Rs. 115.48 per quintal. Government of Tamil Nadu did not declare the State Advised Price from 2001-02 to 2004-05 sugar season.

(c) Information on the extraction costs of sugarcane is not maintained.

(d) The harvesting cost of sugarcane is included in the labour cost of the cost of production.

(e) The all India average transport cost of sugarcane per quintal for the years 2002-03 to 2006-07 is as under:

(in Rupees per quintal)

Year	Average transport cost
2002-03	8.75
2003-04	9.50
2003-05	12.60
2004-05	12.50
2006-07	12.50

State-wise details of transport cost are not available.

Orchards grown up in forest land

2621. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that some orchards have grown up in the forest land in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government plan to root out them instead of earning money from taking over such orchards; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No such cases of growth of orchards in forests have come to the notice of the Ministry. However, some wild varieties of Mango, Bel and some other fruit species do exist naturally in small numbers/patches in forest areas.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Simplifying the approval process of management schemes

†2622. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal is pending regarding setting-up of Committee for simplifying the approval process of management schemes in respect of more than 10 hectare forest areas under Public Forestery Programme;

(b) if so, whether suggestion has been made in its response to formulate Integrated Public Forestery Management Plan at district/forest division level; and

(c) whether this suggestion is practical keeping in view the geographical expansion and numbers of landlords in the districts of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The suggestion made by the Central Government to formulate one single Management Plan at District/Forest Division level for all the tree lands of the land owners of the District/Forest Division was not found acceptable to the State Government. This was suggested in view of similar condition of crops and treatment prescribed in management Plans in a District/Division. This would have overcome the preparation of Management Plan for each of the landlords.

Environmental Impact Assessment Notification

2623. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

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